A Very Warm Welcome to TGS

Please help yourself to refreshments and meet with staff- Our Year 7 Form Tutors are here and alongside their form flag

We will start our presentation soon.

There will also be an opportunity to leave any feedback/questions on our 'keep in touch' postcard



Welcome to our Year 7 Parents/Carers Information Evening



Thursday 12th September 2024

Information Evening: Outcomes

- A Warm Welcome- meeting the team and key staff
- Joining something special what is TGS all about?
- Pastoral care and how we will be supporting your child
- Overview of the curriculum, attendance and reporting
- Tops tips on how to support your young person
- Key dates for the Year
- Extra curricular activities and opportunities



Joining Something Special-Life at TGS

If we can work together, we are respectful and can take responsibility for our learning so we can grow, be ambitious and be resilient in our learning and succeed.."







LEARNER



- > BE KIND
- BE CONSISTENT
- > BE AMBITIOUS
- > BE RESPECTFUL
- > BE RESILIENT
- > BE RESPONSIBLE

BE YOUR BEST SELF

Language of the family

Keeping it simple

Prioritising what is important and that everybody can try to do



Our Core Staff Values

- 1. Students considered first
- 2. High expectations no limitations
- 3. The optimum curriculum experience for <u>each</u> student
- 4. The optimum support for <u>each</u> student



Settling in at TGS: The Year 7 Team

- 10 Year 7 form groups
- All form rooms are in Toulston and have their own area.
- Excellent team of tutors who support your child and will move through the school with them
- They are your key contact in school and contacted in the first instance
- Overseen by the Year 7 Pastoral Leader Mr
 Evans and Year 7 Leader Mrs Kenny
- Supported by our SLT link Mr Betts

Settling in at TGS

- Year 12 Reading mentors
- House competitions- team and bonding opportunities
- Lunchtime clubs
- After school clubs
- Personal Development and Wellbeing prioritised





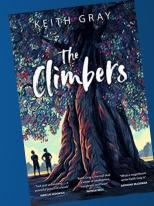




Settling in at TGS

- The student bulletin shared every
 Monday in form time
- Support with organisation and getting to know school routines
- Reading together to support literacy,
 confidence and team building
- SMSC content delivered with sensitivity and opportunities to discuss

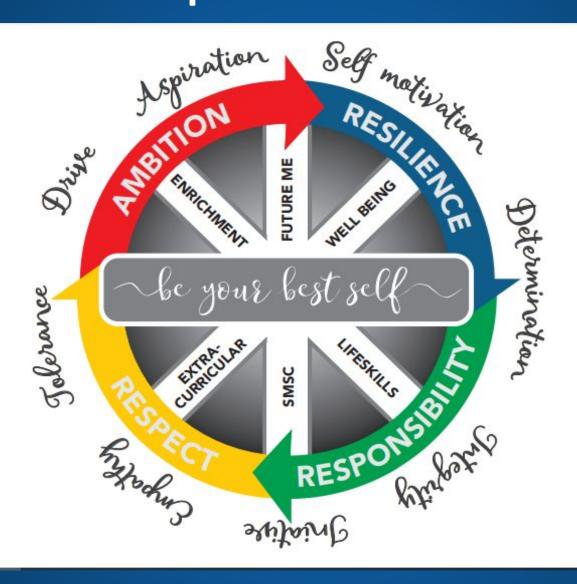








Personal Development at TGS





The TGS Tutor Programme w/b 09/09/24

Day	Activities	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11			
Mon	Doily	Bulletin	Bulletin	Bulletin	Assembly	Bulletin			
Tues	Daily Uniform and Equipm	READING	READING	READING	Bulletin	Assembly			
Wed	ent Checks Planner	READING	Assembly	READING	Intro: Period 1 Programme	Intro: Period 1 Programme			
Thur	sheets etc.	Quiz	READING	Assembly	Welcome to Year 10: Managing change	Welcome to Year 11: Managing change			
Fri		Assembly	Quiz (limbers)						

The Year 7 Text is - The Climbers by Keith Gray





The 'Tad Passport'

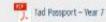
This term, 'Tad Passport' was launched to our K53 students (Years 7-9).

The 'Tad Passport' highlights many of the opportunities available to each student, but sometimes it is hard to keep track of what they've taken part in or achieved! The 'Tad Passport' can be used to see what is available and then set personal goals and exciting challenges that:

- · Aid personal development
- · Support wellbeing
- · Stretch talents
- · Provide new experiences
- · Improve future prospects
- · Raise aspirations
- · Broaden horizons
- · Allow opportunities for new friendships and connections

We encourage students to use their annual 'Tad Passport' to track successes throughout the year. The presentation that students received is shown below:



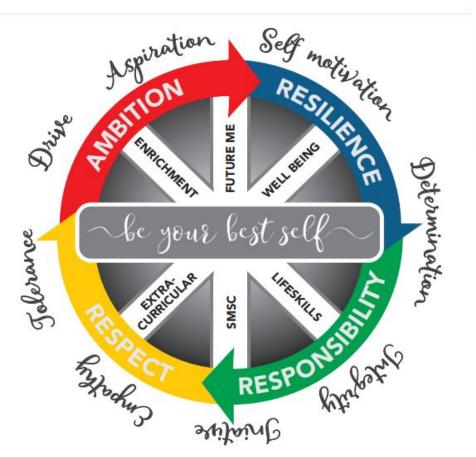






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To have a desire to achieve success.

Resilience

To show a determination to achieve success.

Responsibility

To take ownership of our actions.

Respect

To be considerate to ourselves and others.

NAME:

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"You are so much more than your grades.

Yes, study hard and do your best with the things you can control but don't attach your worth to your test scores.

The character you're developing is far more important than the grades you're receiving".

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Use your annual Tad Passport to track your successes throughout the year.

Ambition To have	BRONZE LEVEL	SILVER LEVEL G	GOLD LEVEL			
'Achieve'	Achieve 50 positives on Classcharts	Write a persuasive speech on climate change	Achieve 300 positives on Classcharts			
Challenges (you must have one Achieve Challenge for each level)	Read 3 books from the Reading List	Read 6 books from the Reading List	Read 9 books from the Reading List			
	Share a future goal and aspiration with your form tutor	Attend the Residential or CREATE Project	Complete 10 '5 Ways to wellbeing' tasks			
'Aspire' Challenges	Take part in Transition to TGS	Take part in Sports Day (2024)	Run (or walk) a mile for Sports Relief			
(you must have one Aspire Challenge for each level)	Take part in Enrichment Week (2024)	Achieve a 'clean planner' for 20 weeks	Receive an Aspiration Award in Celebration Assembly			
	Achieve a positive attitude to learning	Achieve 150 positives on Classcharts	Achieve 400 positives and all 4 Badges			

AMBITI ON	Activity/Achievement (completed by student)	Date a	nd Signature						
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BRONZ E	ASPIRE:		In each character value - Ambition, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility, complete 2 to achieve a Bronze Award						
SII \/ED	ACHIEVE: ASPIRE:		Complete the Bronze Award plus a silver level tasks to achieve the Silver Award						
SILVER	ASPIRE:		Complete the Silver gold level tasks to a Gold Award.	the contract of the contract o					
GOLD	ACHIEVE:	One of the tasks in each be an 'Achieve' and one Challenge.							
GOLD	ASPIRE:								
Our expectation is that all students will complete at least two tasks within each value of the Tad Passport this year.									

Resilience To show a	BRONZE LEVEL	SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL			
determination to achieve success. 'Achieve'	Find a solution to a problem. Tell your form tutor about it	Ask a teacher for help outside of the lesson	Take on a student leadership role			
Challenges (you must have one Achieve Challenge for each level)	Practise mindfulness	Achieve improved attitude to learning scores in your report	Undertake an online course or practical workshop			
	Learn 5 facts about self-care and tell your tutor	Explain to your tutor how you overcame a challenge (e.g. Not understanding the work, making friends)	Independently improve a piece of work after feedback			
'Aspire' Challenges (you must have one Aspire Challenge for	Try a new club and attend at least 3 times	Take part in a house competition	Authorised attendance at 96% or above by July 2024			
each level)	Take part in form	Get your name on the Weekly Bulletin	Deliver a			

5 Ways to Wellbeing Tasks Shade or tick the 10 you complete

CONNECT GIVE KEEP BE TAKE NOTICE ACTIVE **LEARNING**

Leave a positive message for someone else to find	Contact someone who may be low or isolated. A card to an elderly relative?	Learn a new game	Clamber over rocks	Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	
Call a relative who is far away and have a chat	Help a plant grow	Do some EXTREME reading!	Camp outdoors or build a Den	Watch and enjoy a sunrise/sunset	
Play a game with family	Buy an extra item and donate to a foodbank	Cook on a campfire	Fly a Kite	Explore a rock pool or cave	
Go on a scavenger hunt with others	Help others by giving away something you	Experience another language	Climb a huge hill	Create some wild art	
	don't need		Take photos to show your form tutor		
Appreciate kindness and thank someone	Support a younger student	Take out and read a book from the school library	'Just Dance!'	Go star-gazing	

Personal Development @ TGS

...enabled a culture to be developed that is one of inclusion, support for each other, perseverance, pride and positivity. This is celebrated within form communities, year groups and the house system and the impact is also recognised intrinsically as part of our school's Vision and Values.



Getting to know our Students

- Lots of pastoral and academic information shared with us from primary schools
- We follow the statutory process of assess, plan, do, review to supports learners with any

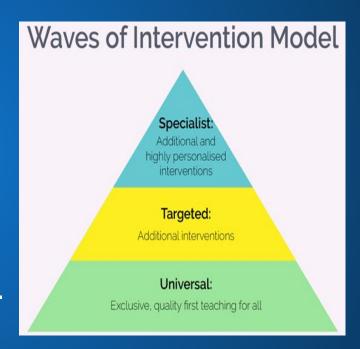
additional needs and identify any

new and emerging needs



Supporting our Learners

- We support our learners with a graduated approach that starts
 with *Quality first teaching*
- Some may required additional,
 <u>targeted intervention</u> and finally
 some may need more <u>specialised</u>,
 <u>personalised provision</u>







If our young people are in good health mentally and physically, they are better able to cope and when they feel positive, they are more open to new ideas, creativity and change, making them more effective and innovative in the classroom.

Please speak to your tutor, Pastoral Leader or Year Leader and have a chat or email them if you have any concerns about your wellbeing or the wellbeing of someone you know. You can also check out these useful links





Anxiety/Stress factsheets

External services working with in school: Just B **Wellbeing in Mind Team**

Tutor programme of support







You will find a number of useful websites to help manage stress/anxiety:

Managing Exam Stress

Shout text service

The Mix

Relaxation Tips for Positive Wellbeing



Overview of the Curriculum in Y7

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Overview of the Classroom routines across school: Behaviour for Learning and Rewards



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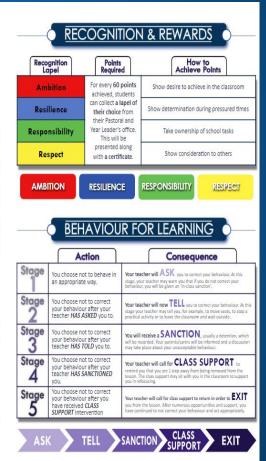
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environment.

CHECK YOUR VALUES

for themselves and





Overview of Reporting in Y7

- Issued twice a year
- Support Parents evening discussion
- Include Attainment AND/OR

Attitude to Learning score







Key Stage 3 Reports



Issued twice per year



Mid-year - February

End of year - June

<u>Academic Progress</u>

Familiar language from primary school



With a broad guide as to how this links to grades in Key Stage 4 (9-1 grades)

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Current Attainment levels awarded in Year 7 and 8	Very broad indicator of GCSE grade equivalence				
Working Beyond (WB)	9 - 7 (A*/A in old money!)				
Age Expected (AE)	6 - 4 (B/C in old money!)				
Working Towards (WT)	3 - 1 (D-G in old money!)				
Entry Level (EL)	Entry level or functional skills qualifications in Key Stage 4				



Attitudinal Information



"We firmly believe that having a fantastic attitude to learning is the key to success at TGS, no matter what your academic starting points are".

We report on three key areas, using a 5 point scale for each.

- Behaviour for Learning
- Attitude to Learning
- Homework

The school sets the minimum benchmark at grade 2, with grade 1 awarded to students who go that extra mile

Grade	Grade Heading
1	Outstanding
2	Good
3	Need for improvement
4	Concerns
5	Serious Concern

≈ 93% of all grades are awarded in these two categories

Any students falling into these categories will be spoken to in school about how to improve.

Please also have these conversations at home.

Detailed descriptors for each key area are included within each report.

Homework in Y7



- Workload with transition
- Homework is set in google classrooms with a link to class charts so your can review as Parents/Carers
- Some subjects -Maths use specific curriculum tools- SPARX, Science educake
- Always optional extra- Curriculum Maps available on website



Communication between School and Home: Classcharts

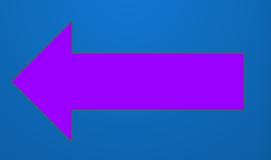


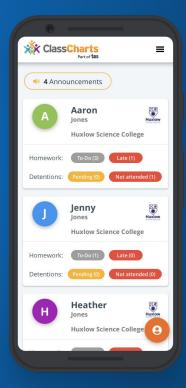
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Timetable

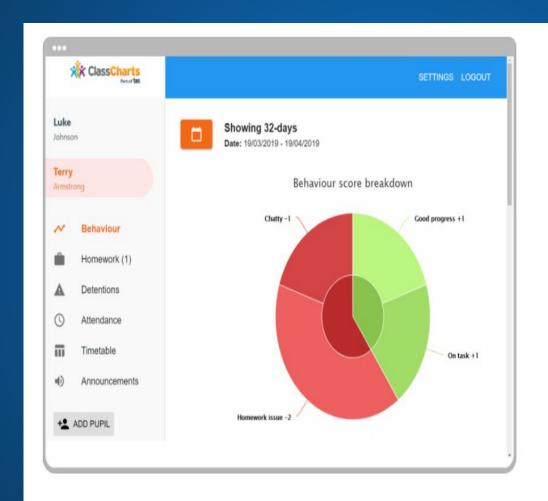
Attendance

Announcements













Tadcaster Grammar School Be Your Best Self





Recognition and Rewards





Simply giving

a fantastic











at all times



involvement

in class

discussion





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mistake

No core standard Aim for zero circles next

initiative

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Outstanding

presentation









Work



and polite

work produced







retrieval or







Perseverance when the going gets

Lesson

Enthusiasm in

Excellent performance

Impressive test score

homework

Hopefully you have been able to use the Class Charts app to track your child(ren)'s positive [and negative] awards so far this year. This is a great way to see how they are getting on in school each day, and potentially even provides a positive conversation starter when

they arrive home from school.

Behaviour for Learning at TGS

Language of the family that supports young people and encourages reflection, responsibility and supportive change



Attendance at TGS

Attendance over the whole year	Number of school days missed per year	Number of lessons missed per year		
96% and above	Less than 6 days (1 week)	36 lessons		
95%	10 days (2 weeks)	60 lessons		
90% (PERSISTENT ABSENCE)	19 days (4 weeks)	114 lessons		
85% or less (PERSISTENT ABSENCE)	38 days (8 weeks)	228 lessons +		



This is Jane

She is in Year 7 and has 90% attendance

- That is good isn't it?
- You'd be pleased if you got 90% in a test!
- But is it so good when it comes to attendance?
- What does this mean?



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Attendance at TGS



What can you do as parents?

- Talk to us
- Inform us of any absence- by contacting school and speaking to our Attendance team
- If they are feeling tired or under the weather - encourage them to come to school (This is inline with Public health guidance for mild illness)



Extra Curricular Activities at TGS



- Y7 Reading mentors
- Sports teams practice and fixtures throughout the season
- Y7 only clubs
- Subject clubs- Homework, History, Foreign film clubs
- Trips enrichment and reward huge variety available
- Duke of Edinburgh scheme that starts in Y9
- TAD passport and opportunities for Personal Development









ACTIVITIES









FIRE LIGHTING

SALMON PANNASSING

CAMOUFLAGE AND CONCEALMENT



SCENARIO SOS



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ARCHERY



Further details to be shared soon



SUTTING TOOLS



LEADERSHIP



GAMES



Top Tips for a Great Start at TGS



- Transition is not complete in a day or week and student will need time to adjust, this is completely normal
- Encourage students to speak to their form tutor if they have any concerns
- Help students to get into a school/home routine e.g
 Discussing homework and making time to
 complete, packing their bag together



Top Tips for a Great Start at TGS



- Keep in touch with us- Contact your child's Form Tutor and/or Year team
- Engage and use school platforms and Apps -Google classrooms, Class Charts, the website and socials
- Encourage your child to keep healthy eating habits and sleep routines. They will be tired!
- Encourage some greater independence that is appropriate for your child -this build resilience which is key as they mature



Top Tips for a Great Start at TGS



- Keep an eye on the use of technology and be mindful of age restrictions on apps and social media
- We don't want to waste vital staff time policing what young people shouldn't have access to and simply can't manage
- Take away devices inc. games consoles especially at night time and encourage a calm bedtime routine
- We strive to get to know your child and treat them like our own





<u>Instagram</u>

13 Years minimum age.

Facebook

13 Years minimum age.

Tik Tok

13 Years minimum age -You must verify that you are over 13.







You Tube

Snapchat

13 Years minimum age.

WhatsApp

13 Years minimum age.

YouTube

13 Years minimum age - parental restrictions can be put in place.





Year 7 Key Dates-2024/25

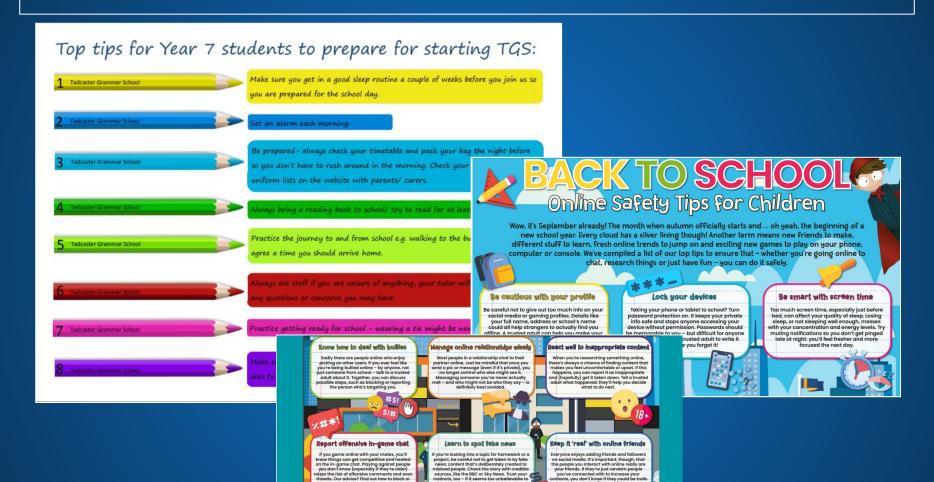


Please see School website for holiday and training day details

- Tuesday 3rd September: Starting day-Y7
- 3rd-13th September: Completion of baseline assessment in Maths
- Thursday 12th September: Y7 Parents/Carers Information Evening
- Friday 27th September: Early close for Open Morning finish at lunchtime 12.30
- Saturday 28th September: Open Morning
- Friday 4th October: Flu Immunisations Y7-11
- Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Concert
- Wednesday/Thursday 12th/13th February: School production
- Wednesday/Thursday 26th/27th March: Y7 Parents Evening (online and over 2 evenings)
- Wednesday 2nd April: Spring Concert
- Wednesday 9th July: Whole school celebration evening
- Tuesday/Wednesday 15/16th July: Summer Concert TBC
- W/C Monday 14th July: Schools enrichment week- Y7 residential this week- TBC

^{*}Reports issued in Spring and Summer terms

Helpful Information for Students (and parents/carers!)



islead people. Check the story with credible sources. like the RRC or Sky News. Trust you



be your best self



Thank you for joining us and starting on this journey at TGS

Please keep in touch with us



-be your best self-